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EMBASSY CONTACTED BOTH JOHN SIMMONS AND MICHAEL TAIT OF FCO UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT ON THE QUESTION OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S INCLUSION IN THE UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION. BOTH EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT ISRAEL WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE EUROPEAN REGION DURING THE NINETEEN GENERAL CONFERENCE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME BOTH CONFESSED THAT THE UK HAD NOT AS YET TAKEN ANY STEPS TO ASSURE THIS OUTCOME. EMBASSY OFFICER SAID THAT WHILE ISRAEL'S CHANCES OF SUCCESS HAD CERTAINLY IMPROVED OVER THE LAST YEAR THE USG BELIEVED IT IS IMPERATIVE TO PRESS THE MATTER VIGOROUSLY WITH THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED NEGATIVELY OR ABSTAINED DURING THE PREVIOUS GENERAL CONFERENCE. WE UNDERSCORED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE NOT ONLY FOR REASONS OF US CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST BUT FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ITSELF. SIMMONS ANB TAIT SAID THE FCO WOULD NOW EXAMINE THE QUESTION CLOSELY AND DECIDE ON WHAT SPECIFIC STEPS IT MIGHT USEFULLY TAKE. THEY ANTICIPATE THE ISSUE WILLHBZ BISCUYSED IN DETAIL AT THE FORTHCOMPNG UN EXPERTS MEETING OF THE EC ON OCTOBER 6 AND THAT THE US INITIATIVE WILL GIVE THE ITEM A HIGHER PRIORITY THAN EARLIER ENVISAGED.

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